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# News Release

## **ICE DEPORTS MAN WHO EXPOSED HIMSELF TO CHILD** *High On Amphetamines, He Propositioned an NYC Youth Walking Home From School*

**PHILADELPHIA, Pa.** – A Filipino man with an extensive criminal history and a conviction for exposing himself to and propositioning a New York schoolgirl was removed from the United States by officers of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

John William Kwe was deported from the United States on April 4, under escort by ICE Detention and Removal Operations (DRO) officers, to the Philippines. He had been convicted of endangering the welfare of a child and public lewdness. Kew had numerous other arrests and had also been convicted for possession of marijuana; attempted robbery; possession of stolen property; and grand larceny.

Kwe, who entered the United States in 1980 as a legal immigrant, stopped a schoolgirl in Howard Beach, Queens, New York, on her way home from school, exposed himself and propositioned her with money. He was arrested, convicted and sentenced to a year in prison. ICE took Kwe into custody in December 2004 after his release from the New York State Department of Corrections. He was held at the Pike County Correctional Facility and ordered deported by the Board of Immigration Appeals on February 11.

“Legal immigrants like Kwe, who steal, do drugs and abuse our children, forfeit their right to remain in this country,” said Thomas Decker, Acting DRO Field Office Director in Philadelphia. “Immigration to the United States is a privilege, and removing aliens who abuse that privilege only preserves our immigration system for honest, law-abiding immigrants.”

ICE formally removed more than 160,000 aliens nationally in Fiscal Year 2004. More than half of those were criminal aliens. During the 2004 Fiscal Year, which ended September 30, ICE removed more than 2,400 criminal aliens from the Philadelphia area.

Kwe is one of 30 criminals removed by ICE’s Philadelphia Field Office within the last week. Other crimes included, burglary, narcotics, assault, robbery, weapons possession, fraud and possession of stolen property.

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